



1634

PIPER RUDNICK ^{LLP}
1200 NINETEENTH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20036-2412
TELEPHONE: 202-861-3900
FACSIMILE: 202-223-2085

DOCKET NO.: 8971-017-27

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
PO BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

Re: Serial No.: 09/934,680
Applicant(s): Duncan W. McBRANCH et al.
Filing Date: August 23, 2001
For: PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACID BASED MOLECULAR SENSORS FOR
NUCLEIC ACIDS
Group Art Unit: 1634
Examiner: Frank Wei Min Lu

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

AMENDMENT

Our check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

PIPER RUDNICK LLP

Steven B. Kelber
Attorney of Record
Registration No.: 30,073

Christopher W. Raimund
Registration No.: 47,258



DOCKET NO. 8971-017-27

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Duncan W. McBRANCH et al. ART UNIT: 1634
SERIAL NO.: 09/934,680 EXAMINER: Frank Wei Min Lu
FILING DATE: August 23, 2001
FOR: PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACID BASED MOLECULAR SENSORS FOR
NUCLEIC ACIDS

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
PO BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated November 5, 2003, entry of the
following amendments is respectfully requested.